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In re Application of Tsen, et al. Application No. 09/994,439 Filed: November 26, 2001 Atty. Dkt. No. 06128-266001 Title: SHOE

: DECISION REFUSING : STATUS UNDER 37 CFR

1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 8, 2002.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed November 26, 2001 without an executed oath or declaration and naming Jimmy Tsen, Jason L. Nevans, Jonathan Beardsley, and Matthew Sumner as joint inventors. Accordingly, on December 12, 2001, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and surcharge.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

Petitioner lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2), the declaration submitted herewith is unacceptable as it fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.63 or 1.64 has been presented. Specifically, the declaration fails to set forth the citizenship of Jimmy Tsen.

Any renewed petition must be accompanied by an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 or 1.64.

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